

WILLIAM GORDON WINERY
2012
CABERNET SAUVIGNON ESTATE

Tasting Notes & Tech Data
Pesonen Vineyard
Alexander Valley Sonoma County California

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

The vineyard is located in the northern Alexander Valley near Asti on the eastern hillsides overlooking the Russian River. The vines were planted in 1999 using clone 337. This clone produces smaller clusters and berries known for intense concentration of flavors and aromas. Due to the steep nature of the vineyard terrain, it is all hand harvested.

Harvest Date: 3 OCT 2012 Brix at Harvest: 25' Tons Harvested: 10 tons

Fermentation: Whole berry in stainless steel tanks.

36 hour cold soak

D-80 Lallemend Yeast

Daily pump-overs

48 hour extended maceration with 100% Malolactic conversion.

Aging: Nadalie Colbert French Oak, 2 Years, 33% new, 33% 1Year old, 33% 2Year old

550 cases bottled: Sept 2014, Unfined & Unfiltered

Alcohol: 14.5% pH: 3.60 TA: 6.2

Deep ruby in color. Nose of rich saddle leather and black fruit. Blackberry and Cassie on the palate with a sense of cedar cigar box. Tannins and acid are well balanced for a fine long finish of ripe summer black fruit and a wisp of toasted vanilla. Drink now or cellar for many years.